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combining microparticles having a plurality of sizes to thereby form a composition that delivers the active agent in a multi-phasic manner.

26. A method of making a multi-phasic sustained-release microparticle composition, comprising:

dissolving in a solvent an active agent and a biodegradable and biocompatible polymer to form an organic phase, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of risperidone, 9-hydroxy-risperidone, and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of the foregoing;

extracting the solvent to form microparticles; and
combining microparticles exhibiting diffusional release and microparticles exhibiting biodegradation release to thereby form a composition that delivers the active agent in a multi-phasic manner.

27. The sustained-release microparticle composition of claim 24, wherein said second active agent is the same as said first active agent.

28. The sustained-release microparticle composition of claim 24, wherein said second active agent is selected from the group consisting of risperidone, 9-hydroxy-risperidone, and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of the foregoing.--

Remarks

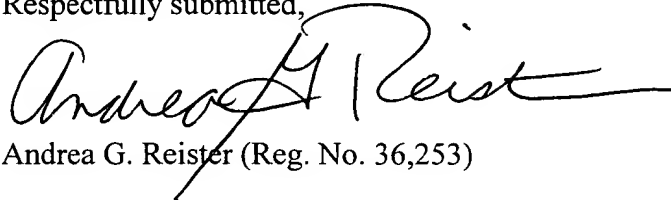
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-28 are pending for the Examiner's consideration, with claims 1, 21, 24, 25, and 26 being the independent claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. In this regard, the Examiner is referred to, for example, Figure 5, and page 16, lines 1-10, page 18, lines 3-12, and page 25, lines 6-9 of the application as originally filed.

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Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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